

50 M. U. MEN APPLY FOR WORK IN FRANCE

Recruiting for Ambulance Unit Gains Twice Needed Number.

MINISTERS TO AID Mass Meeting Speakers Explain Service and Ask for Help.

The Missouri Unit of the American Ambulance Field Service in France became more of a reality yesterday when more than thirty students applied for enlistment blanks at the recruiting headquarters in the Missouri Union Building. This brings the total number of applicants to about fifty.

The twenty-five men who will represent the University on the front "somewhere in France" will probably be selected in the next few days. As soon as selected they will begin a course in "the Ford and its methods," under the direction of Walter Thee, a senior in the School of Engineering. All men will be required to pass an examination in driving and repairing, before they will be sent to New York for the final test.

Ministers to Help in Campaign.

Many of the applicants are making an appeal in their home towns for financial assistance for the Missouri unit. Columbia ministers will explain the work to their congregations today and urged that they aid the plan.

The proposed University of Missouri Unit of the American Ambulance Field Service in France was explained and urged by four speakers in the last mass meeting of the year held last night in the University Auditorium. The advocates of the hospital unit were Dean Eldon James, H. W. Hailey, J. H. Rogers and Morris Dry. They spoke to an audience of about four hundred—mostly women.

Howard W. Hailey, instructor in the School of Journalism, was the first speaker and told of the requirements of the corps, enlistment in the service and gave a short history of the movement. Mr. Hailey said \$350 would maintain a man for six months at the front, this including his transportation, equipment and incidental expenses. Board and lodging are furnished free of charge from the time of arrival in Paris. Mr. Hailey said the requirements for entering this line of service were not hard to meet.

Volunteers Must Be Americans.

The volunteers must be American citizens, between 21 and 25 years old, able to drive and repair automobiles and to give satisfactory references. He believes from \$7,000 to \$8,000 can be raised among students, citizens, alumni and friends of the University.

The American units have carried 400,000 wounded from the field, of which number one-third have been saved by being hastened to base hospitals. The cost of saving each life has been estimated at 70 cents.

J. H. Rogers, who returned from France with some of the men who have served in the corps, told of the life as his acquaintances pictured it to him. They say it is a hard life, with plain food, long hours at times, poor beds and narrow escapes. The quarters, however, are pleasant and the greatest recompense is the thought that many lives are being saved.

"Our Duty to Help," Says Dean James.

Dean Eldon James, who was in Europe when the war broke out, spoke on the subject, "The Relation of a University Community to the World War." He gave three reasons for this country's participation in the war. The first is the duty to humanity; the second, that we still owe a debt of gratitude to France for her help in the Revolutionary war; and lastly, that we are serving the United States as well as the Allies in preserving democracy. It is his opinion that Americans will soon be in the trenches in Europe and that our ambulance workers will soon be serving our own men.

Morris Dry, student president, introduced the speakers and closed the meeting with a short address, in which he particularly urged the talking up of the project. He appealed particularly to the women present, in spreading the enthusiasm for the unit around school.

Mr. Dry also asked every student to do his part toward a big freshman class next year.

PLAYERS' SCENERY ARRIVES

"Importance of Being Earnest" Set Sale to Begin Tomorrow.

The set sale for "The Importance of Being Earnest," Oscar Wilde's 3-act farce which will be presented by the University Players Tuesday night

at the Columbia Theater, will begin at 9 o'clock tomorrow morning.

The new scenery, painted in Kansas City especially for the production and costing \$300, arrived in Columbia Friday morning. The players were busy all day yesterday setting it up and arranging it in the theater. Arthur C. Ziegler, director of the six-piece orchestra, has arranged a program of music which is entirely new. The programs for the farce will be a novelty and will carry half-tones of the cast.

The cast—Miss Gladys Wall, Miss Kathleen Fleming, Miss Eloise Stevenson, Miss Lucy Hall, Ralph W. Fischer, Fred C. Edwards, Robert R. Miller, J. Walter Goldstein and Henry A. Sommers—is being put through a vigorous drilling each afternoon and night by Prof. Jesse E. Wrench, who is directing the play. Dress rehearsals will be held this afternoon and Tuesday morning in the theater.

Robert R. Miller, business manager for the production, has received offers from the theaters at Mexico, Fulton and Moberly to present the play in those cities at later dates. If the consent of the University faculty can be obtained, the University Players will "go on the road," donating the proceeds to the Red Cross Society or to the University of Missouri ambulance unit which is being organized.

BULLETINS MISS M. U. GRADUATE

"Jack" Murray Without a Scratch After a Year on French Front.

Members of the Dana Press Club yesterday received a letter from J. A. ("Jack") Murray, a graduate of the University, who is with the Canadian troops on the French front. Murray has been in active service for more than a year.

Murray's letter, which was dated April 14, stated that he has so far escaped without a scratch. As to the matter of food, however, he is not so well satisfied. "I believe that I would drop dead," he wrote, "if I ever caught sight of a piece of bacon." Murray wrote, however, that a shortage of food is always taken as an indication of victory for the allied troops. "Whenever the food runs low, we know that there is a big batch of 'Fritzie' prisoners to be fed."

Ball-Gentry Case to Ashland.

A change of venue has been granted in the case of J. S. Ball against N. T. Gentry, and it will be tried at Ashland. The suit is for \$51.25, which Mr. Ball claims is due him for carpenter work.

Society

Mrs. J. G. Babb was elected regent of the local D. A. R. at a meeting at the home of Mrs. J. N. Belcher yesterday afternoon. The other officers elected were: First vice-regent, Mrs. J. S. Branham; second vice-regent, Mrs. J. S. Ankeney; recorder, Miss Sallie Bedford; corresponding secretary, Miss Mary Fisher; treasurer, Mrs. Jonas Viles; registrar, Mrs. A. C. Shepard; historian, Mrs. T. W. Whittle; assistant historian, Miss Charline Sampson, and second director, Mrs. C. B. Bowling.

The report of the Continental Congress, which was held recently in Washington, was read by Miss Eva Johnson. It was written and sent here by Mrs. John Trigg Moss, who is regent of the Cornelia Green Chapter of St. Louis. Mrs. J. N. Belcher was appointed to deliver the history prize of \$5 in gold to the student in the Columbia High School making the best grade in history.

Mrs. Belcher and Mrs. Orville Barnett were hostesses. Patriotic colors were used in the decorations and refreshments.

Miss Emily Price entertained informally with a small bridge party yesterday afternoon for her sister, Mrs. R. F. Houston of Kansas City.

Mr. and Mrs. William A. Winston of Minneapolis, Minn., are the guests of Dr. and Mrs. R. H. Jesse.

Mrs. Ernest L. Mitchell is planning a charity ball sometime in May for the benefit of the Red Cross. The date has not yet been set.

The Pi Beta Phi sorority entertained at dinner Friday evening, Mrs. M. Chir Dorsey of Chicago, Miss Frances Dorsey and Lawrence Dorsey.

Mrs. J. W. Montgomery, 605 South Fifth street, entertained with a dance and card party for about thirty-six young people Friday night. The house was decorated with red, white and blue flowers and American flags.

The Phi Kappa Psi fraternity will have as its dinner guests today, Miss Marguerite Clay, Miss Geraldine Thompson, Miss Marjorie Smith, Miss Genevieve Garnet and Miss Frances Gray.

Miss Emily Price entertained three tables at bridge yesterday afternoon at the Read Hall Annex in honor of Mrs. R. F. Houston of Kansas City.

formerly Miss Katherine Price of Columbia, and Mrs. M. V. Powell of Brazil. Mrs. Powell won the prize.

Mrs. J. T. Mitchell will entertain the Christian College Club at her home, 506 West Broadway, at 2:30 o'clock Monday afternoon.

Misses Isabel Myers, Mary Bilby and Isabel Dodson, graduates in piano under Isaac Edward Norris, will give a recital at 8:15 o'clock tomorrow night in the Christian College Auditorium. The program will consist of selections from Mozart, Chopin, Dvorak, Moszkowski, Beethoven, Porter, Leschetzky, Debussy, Schumann, Tchaikowsky and MacDowell.

ENTRANCE EXAMS ANNOUNCED

Last Week in May Selected—Students Must Notify Registrar.

University entrance examinations will be given the last week in May in those subjects in which there is sufficient demand, according to Frank Chambers, registrar.

"All persons," says Mr. Chambers, "who wish to take entrance examinations at that time should notify me promptly, stating the subjects in which examinations are desired. They will then be notified in due time regarding the matter."

MAY WHEAT FUTURES CLOSE

Speculators Force July Supply Up to \$2.75 and September to \$2.45.

By United Press
CHICAGO, May 12.—The closing of May futures by the Board of Trade turned the attention of wheat speculators to the July and September deliveries today.

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